

Methods:

Hooking into changes

Creating and changing classes is great, but intervening into the process of someone else's change is even cooler. So, in this video, we will cover different hook points that Ruby provides.

We will learn:

- Class/module extension hooks
(included, extended, prepended, inherited)
- Method adding/changing hooks
(method_added, method_removed, singleton_method_undefined, etc.)
- Method/constant not found
(method_missing, const_missing)

Class/module related hooks

- included
- extended
- prepended
- inherited

included / extended / prepended

```
# Ruby documentation:  
# http://ruby-doc.org/core/Module.html#method-i-included
```

```
module A  
  def A.included(mod)  
    puts "#{self} included in #{mod}"  
  end  
end
```

```
module Enumerable  
  include A  
end
```

```
# A included in Enumerable
```

```
# Ruby documentation:  
# http://ruby-doc.org/core/Module.html#method-i-extended
```

```
module A  
  def A.extended(mod)  
    puts "#{self} extended in #{mod}"  
  end  
end
```

```
module Enumerable  
  include A  
end
```

```
# A extended in Enumerable
```

inherited

```
# Ruby documentation:  
# http://ruby-doc.org/core/Class.html#method-i-inherited
```

```
class Foo  
  def self.inherited(subclass)  
    puts "New subclass: #{subclass}"  
  end  
end
```

```
class Bar < Foo  
end
```

```
class Baz < Bar  
end
```

```
# Produces:  
> New subclass: Bar  
> New subclass: Baize
```

Method adding/removing hooks

- `method_added`
- `method_removed`
- `method_undefined`
- `singleton_method_added`
- `singleton_method_removed`
- `singleton_method_undefined`

method_added

```
# Ruby documentation:  
# http://ruby-doc.org/core/Module.html#method-i-method\_added
```

```
module Chatty  
  def before_method_added_method()  
  end  
  
  def self.method_added(method_name)  
    puts "Adding #{method_name.inspect}"  
  end  
  
  def some_instance_method()  
  end  
  
  def self.some_class_method()  
  end  
end
```

```
# Produces:  
> Adding :some_instance_method
```

method_removed / method_undefined

```
# Ruby documentation:  
# http://ruby-doc.org/core/Module.html#method-i-method\_removed
```

```
module Chatty  
  def self.method_removed(method_name)  
    puts "Removing #{method_name.inspect}"  
  end  
  
  def self.some_class_method  
  end  
  
  def some_instance_method  
  end  
  
  class << self  
    remove_method :some_class_method  
  end  
  
  remove_method :some_instance_method  
end
```

```
# Produces:  
> Removing :some_instance_method
```


singleton_method_added / removed / undefined

```
# Ruby documentation:  
# http://ruby-doc.org/core/Module.html
```

```
module Chatty  
  def Chatty.singleton_method_added(id)  
    puts "Adding #{id.id2name}"  
  end  
  
  def self.one()      end  
  def two()           end  
  def Chatty.three() end  
end
```

```
# Produces:  
> Adding singleton_method_added  
> Adding one  
> Adding three
```

```
# Ruby documentation:  
# http://ruby-doc.org/core/Module.html#method-i-singleton
```

```
module Chatty  
  def Chatty.singleton_method_removed(id)  
    puts "Removing #{id.id2name}"  
  end  
  
  def self.one()      end  
  def two()           end  
  def Chatty.three() end  
  
  class << self  
    remove_method :three  
    remove_method :one  
  end  
end
```

```
# Produces:  
> Removing three  
> Removing one
```

“ClassMethods” trick from Rails’ codebase

```
module MyModule
  def self.included(base)
    base.extend ClassMethods
  end

  def instance_method() end

  module ClassMethods
    def class_method() end
  end
end
```

```
class MyClass
  include MyModule
end
```

```
MyClass.class_method
MyClass.new.instance_method
```

```
module MyModule
  def instance_method() end

  module ClassMethods
    def class_method() end
  end
end
```

```
class MyClass
  include MyModule
  extend MyModule::ClassMethods
end
```

```
MyClass.class_method
MyClass.new.instance_method
```

method_missing / const_missing

```
# Ruby documentation:
#   http://ruby-doc.org/core/Module.html#method-i-const_missing

def Foo.const_missing(name)
  name                                # return the constant name as Symbol
end

Foo::UNDEFINED_CONST                 # :UNDEFINED_CONST

module Foo
  def self.const_missing(name)
    const_set(name, Class.new)
  end
end

obj = Foo::Omg.new
obj.class                            # Foo::Omg
```